

What to do against gasoline price gouging?

House Republicans are deeply committed to the energy stability of the United States; American families deserve to be treated fairly. Gouging is distinct, by definition, from price fixing, which is the collusion of multiple gas stations to set prices. Gouging is an act of an individual station taking advantage of supply problems (or even perceived supply problems). Both are illegal activities that will not be tolerated by federal, state or local authorities.

The Secretary of Energy, the Federal Trade Commission, and the Department of Justice will conduct inquiries, where appropriate, into significant price increases, as it did in summer 2003 and will act to prevent any illegal anticompetitive pricing.

While the Department of Energy is working to address longer term supply issues, they're also working to make sure American families are not victims of over-inflated prices at the pump. If you believe you may have been the victim of price-gouging or price-fixing, please report any possible corruption to your state and local authorities. Then, be sure to let the Department of Energy know via their website at http://gaswatch.energy.gov/ to report the incident.

Price Gouging Reporting Contact Information by State

Alabama

Attorney General's Family Protection Unit 1-800-230-9485 www.familyprotection.alabama.gov A-G's office of Consumer Affairs 1-800-392-5658 www.ago.alabama.gov

Alaska

Alaska's Department of Law http://www.law.state.ak.us/consumer/complaint_form.html Consumer protection Unit at: (907) 269-5200, or toll free at: 1-888-576-2529

<u>Arizona</u> (Note: Price gouging is not covered by state law, but they will enforce antitrust laws) Attorney General's Office <u>ag.inquiries@azag.gov</u>

Dept. of Weights and Measures http://azdwm.gov/

Arkansas

Attorney General's Office http://www.ag.state.ar.us/citsery/pricegouging.htm

California

Attorney General's Office gaspricinghotline@doj.ca.gov

<u>Colorado</u> (Note: Price gouging is not covered by state law) Consumer Protection Line (800) 222-4444

Connecticut

Delaware

Attorney General's Fraud & Consumer Protection 302-577-8600

Florida

Attorney General's Citizen Services http://myfloridalegal.com/contact.nsf/contact

Georgia

Attorney General's Office of Consumer Affairs http://consumer.georgia.gov

Hawaii

Dept. of Commerce & Consumer Affairs http://gascap.hawaii.gov 1-800-830-4295

<u>Idaho</u> (Note: Price gouging is not covered by state law, but they want to know if it happens) Attorney General's Consumer Protection Unit 1-800-432-3545 http://www2.state.id.us/ag/consumer/general/complaintforminfo.htm

Illinois

Attorney General http://www.ag.state.il.us/consumers/gas_prices.html

Indiana

Attorney General http://www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/consumer/gasonline.html

Iowa

Attorney General 515-281-5926

http://www.state.ia.us/government/ag/consumer/advisories/price gouging.html

Kansas

Attorney General 1-800-432-2310

Kentucky

Attorney General gaspricecomplaints@ag.ky.gov

Louisiana

Attorney General 225-925-7455

Maine

Attorney General 207-626-8849

Maryland

Attorney General 410-528-8662 consumer@oaq.state.md.us

Massachusetts

Consumer Affairs 1-888-283-3757 www.mass.gov/consumer

Michigan

Attorney General 1-877-765-8388

https://www.michigan.gov/homeland/0,1607,7-173-23583_23713-64241--SS,00.html

Minnesota

Attorney General 651-296-3353

Mississippi

Attorney General 800-281-4418 http://www.agjimhood.com

Missouri

Attorney General 800-392-8222 consumer@ago.mo.gov

Montana

Attorney General's Consumer Protection 406-444-4500

Nebraska

Attorney General 402-471-2682 http://www.ago.state.ne.us/content/forms.html

Nevada

Attorney General 775-684-1180 http://ag.state.nv.us

New Hampshire

Attorney General gasprices@doj.nh.gov http://www.doj.nh.gov/gasprice.html

New Jersey

Attorney General http://www.nj.gov/lps/ca/ocp/gasform.htm

<u>New Mexico</u> (Note: Price gouging is not covered by state law, but they want to know if it happens) Governor's Office 505-476-2200

New York

Attorney General http://www.oag.state.ny.us/complaints/complaints.html

North Carolina

Attorney General 1-877-5-NO-SCAM

North Dakota

Attorney General 1-800-472-2600

Ohio

Attorney General 1-800-282-0515

Oklahoma

Attorney General 405-521-2029

Oregon

Attorney General 877-877-9392

Pennsylvania

Attorney General http://www.attorneygeneral.gov/ppd/bcp/gasprices.cfm

Rhode Island

Attorney General 401-274-4400

South Carolina

Attorney General http://www.scconsumer.gov/services/complaint_form.pdf

South Dakota

Consumer Protection Hotline 800-300-1986

Tennessee

Attorney General 800-890-8366 http://state.tn.us/consumer

Texas

Attorney General 800-252-8011 http://www.oag.state.tx.us/consumer/consumer.shtml

Utah

Attorney General 800-244-4636 uag@utah.gov

Vermont

Attorney General 800-649-2424

Virginia

VDACS Hotline 800-552-9963

Washington

Attorney General http://www.atg.wa.gov/consumer/gasprices/

West Virginia

Attorney General Consumer Protection Hotline 800-368-8808

Wisconsin

Attorney General 608-266-1221

Wyoming

Attorney General 307-777-7874 baylwa@state.wy.us